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Editors/I found your article on "Cleaning up the Act: The Politics of Police Reform" [*Ramparts*, Oct. 1973] interesting and informative. However, I was a bit distressed over the apparent error in research that led to the assertion that I agreed with McGeorge Bundy, President of the Ford Foundation, that, in the words of Mr. Kopkind, "no one was really responsible" for the original contact with the CIA that led to the special training of 14 New York City policemen by that agency. Furthermore, Mr. Kopkind's statement that I "exonerated Bundy's friends" was misleading.

When in December 1972 I first criticized the CIA's training of local policemen as a violation of the National Security Act of 1947, the CIA responded that the idea for this CIA activity had come from Ford Foundation staff member. With this statement in hand, I wrote to Mr. Bundy questioning him about the Foundation's involvement. Mr. Bundy replied stating that no employee of the Foundation had made this suggestion. Finally, by letter on April 3, Mr. John M. Maury, Legislative Counsel of the CIA, stated that upon reviewing the file on this matter he determined that there had been a misunderstanding by the Agency that led to crediting the Ford Foundation consultant with the idea of approaching the CIA and that in fact the idea had come from Inspector Edward Stoll of the New York City Police Department. This relieved the Ford Foundation of the responsibility for the idea, but it did not leave a situation in which "no one is blamed," as asserted by Mr. Kopkind. Furthermore, I never stated that "no one was really responsible." Indeed, the responsibility lay with the NYC Police Department for making the overture to the CIA and with the CIA for going beyond its authority in becoming involved in this fashion in domestic security functions.

On June 6, I introduced HR 8432 to clarify the original intent of the National Security Act of 1947 that the CIA be prohibited from becoming involved in domestic security functions. This legislation specifically prohibits the CIA from providing training or other assistance directly or indirectly in support of State or local law enforcement activities. This past summer Congress passed an amendment sponsored by Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman prohibiting the CIA from engaging in local law enforcement activities under the auspices of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. Under this legislation, which is now public law, the CIA would no longer be able to cite any part of the LEAA law as a basis of authority for involvement in domestic law enforcement. I am still pressing for the full coverage provided under H.R. 8432, and I expect to testify shortly before Rep. Lucien Nedzi's subcommittee having oversight over the CIA.

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